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WASHINGTON, July 7, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 1 totaled 316,948, down 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 3.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 4.6 percent in the East and 1.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 5,559 cars (5.5 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Loadings of metallic ores were up 2,274 cars (10.6 percent), while grain loadings were down 2,540 cars (8.1 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment showed a drop of 1,713 cars (9.0 percent)

Cumulative carloadings for the first 26 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,729,427, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,954 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 1, down 5.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of 1989 was 2,900,914 trailers and/or containers, up 0.5 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 1 totaled 18.0 billion, 1.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 500.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,929	31,469	-8.1 %	27,654	4.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,617	2,047	-21.0	2,017	-19.8
Metallic Ores	23,673	21,399	10.6	23,222	1.9
Coal	96,197	101,756	-5.5	113,070	-14.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,104	17,489	-2.2	17,128	-.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,306	10,361	-.5	10,708	-3.8
Grain Mill Products	10,154	10,314	-1.6	9,860	3.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,555	9,312	-8.1	8,379	2.1
Primary Forest Products	9,541	9,594	-.6	9,251	3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	7,596	7,756	-2.1	7,337	3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,891	11,201	-2.8	10,463	4.1
Chemicals	26,593	26,309	1.1	24,978	6.5
Petroleum Products	5,464	5,417	.9	4,991	9.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,657	11,273	-5.5	10,195	4.5
Coke	5,408	5,394	.3	5,244	3.1
Metals & Products	10,465	10,542	-.7	9,812	6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,400	19,113	-9.0	19,626	-11.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,551	8,706	-1.8	8,462	1.1
All Other Carloads	7,847	7,223	8.6	6,999	12.1
Total	**316,948**	**326,675**	**-3.0 %**	**329,396**	**-3.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 26 WEEKS ENDING JULY 1, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**316,948**	**326,675**	**-3.0 %**	**8,729,427**	**8,723,188**	**.1 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,890	73,570	-9.1	1,692,660	1,751,396	-3.4
Containers	46,064	45,536	1.2	1,208,254	1,136,268	6.3
Total	**112,954**	**119,106**	**-5.2**	**2,900,914**	**2,887,664**	**.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.0**	**18.3**	**-1.6 %**	**500.8**	**497.3**	**.7 %**

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 26, 1989 - IC.

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